

# William S. Middleton VA Hospital

## Pharmacy Residency Programs



William S. Middleton  
Memorial Veterans Hospital  
in Madison, Wisconsin

### PGY2 Psychiatry Specialty Residency

#### Program Description

The Psychiatry Specialty Residency is designed to develop pharmacy practice leaders who have excellent practice skills but also have the ability to direct other clinical staff, develop new programs, and develop policies and procedures that promote rational drug therapy for mental health patients. This second year residency focuses on the resident's interests while providing a variety of experiences in ambulatory psychiatry, inpatient psychiatry, addiction treatment, residential and community support programs through longitudinal and extended rotations.

Residents provide patient care as members of interdisciplinary teams. They assume responsibility for the care of patients and take an active, direct role in patient care. Residents write progress notes for patients they assess and are granted prescribing authority under protocol. Residents also have privileges to order laboratory and other diagnostic tests, consult other services when indicated, and develop therapeutic and monitoring plans for patient follow-up.

#### Outpatient Mental Health Care

During the mental health ambulatory care experience, residents will be expected to establish professional relationships with patients. Residents will be given responsibility for direct patient care, progressively increasing toward independence at a pace determined by both the resident and preceptors. Residents will learn how to prioritize delivery of patient centered care, effectively triage ambulatory patients, collect and analyze patient information, and document patient care activities. They will recommend and communicate drug therapy and monitoring plans and provide counseling to effectively implement the plan. Residents will provide evidence-based, patient-centered treatment for chronic mental illness in all degrees of complexity.

#### Inpatient Psychiatry

For the inpatient experience, the residents will serve as members of the interdisciplinary team, working directly with medical residents and medical students. Residents will participate in rounds, contribute to the development of treatment plans, and provide medication expertise. Residents will also participate in Transitions Clinic, providing medication education to patients who are transitioning from inpatient to outpatient care with frequent and intensive follow-up.

Excellence  
in  
Patient Care  
and  
Teaching

## **Addiction Treatment**

Residents will provide ambulatory medication management services (including primary care chronic disease state management) for residential addiction treatment patients. Residents will serve as medication experts during the Addiction Disorders Treatment Program (ADTP) team meetings, and participate as active contributors to treatment plans for patients. Residents can also participate in the consult service team for detoxification, take part in the buprenorphine clinic, aid in the proactive prescribing of anti-alcohol abuse agents, and help lead group education for addiction treatment patients.

## **Community Support Program**

The Community Support Program provides services for patients living in the community with chronic mental health disorders. Residents will provide care and medication education for these patients. Residents may participate in home visits with nursing staff and other members of the interdisciplinary team.

## **Other Experiences**

Additional opportunities exist in epilepsy, pain, psychotherapy groups, OEF/OIF outreach program and local surrounding hospitals for child/adolescent psychiatry experience. The residency is affiliated with the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. Teaching opportunities exist at UW-Madison in the pharmacotherapy lab, pharmacotherapy lecture, and mental health elective. Residents can receive academic appointments as clinical instructors. Residents also have opportunities to attend bi-weekly seminars with UW-Madison psychiatry medical residents. Residents will participate in journal club, and will have opportunities to attend workshops and lectures at the VA. Residents can attend the ASHP MidYear Conference as well as the CPNP (College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists) Annual Meeting.

Completion of a project of the resident's choosing is required. Residents work with a pharmacy staff mentor to plan, carry out, and evaluate the results of these projects. Projects are presented at the Great Lakes Pharmacy Residency Conference in April of each year.

This residency was designed based on the required outcomes, goals and objectives set forth for PGY-2 Pharmacy Residencies in Psychiatry as specified by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists accreditation standards. This residency program is currently a candidate for ASHP accreditation.

## **Application Procedure**

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. or equivalent degree. They must also have completed or currently be enrolled in a PGY-1 residency. Applicants must have an aptitude and motivation for mental health patient care. Some of the criteria considered in choosing residents include knowledge of professional practice, communication skills and ability to apply theory to practice, leadership ability, interest in the program, confidence, and maturity. To apply, a cover letter stating career goals and an application form (Form 10-2850c) must be completed. In addition, 3 letters of reference, curriculum-vitae, and college transcripts are required. An onsite interview is required.

Application deadline is January 15th.

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